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IT MAY BE GOEBEL—IF.

With all the vote of the State canvassed and certified to by the County Commissioners (except seven precincts thrown out in this city, Christian and Harrison counties, depriving Taylor of 276 net plurality), Taylor, Republican, is elected Governor by over 2,000 plurality. The State Commissioners meet in Frankfort to canvass these county returns. The Goebel organs, while acknowledging Taylor's plurality, still claim Goebel has been elected by the legal vote, that enough votes will be thrown out on contests to defeat Taylor, that Goebel will be given the certificate of election and be Governor. The claim is prefaced with several "ifs," as the proposed contests are on different bases, always, however, involving sections giving Taylor pluralities.

If, on the ground of unwarranted judicial and military interference by Judge Toney and Gov. Bradley, and presence of United States Marshals at the polls, the vote of Louisville, 3,041 Taylor plurality, is thrown out, it may be Goebel; provided the board is not consistent enough to also throw out on the same grounds Covington, Newport, Frankfort, Lexington and other cities, which gave a larger plurality for Goebel.

If, because the ballots were printed on thin paper, the vote of Johnson, Knox, Lewis and Rowan counties, 2,041 Taylor plurality, is thrown out, it may be Goebel; provided the board is not consistent enough to also throw out, on the same ground, the vote of several counties in the eastern and western parts of the State which gave Goebel a larger plurality.

If, because of the error in spelling names, the votes certified from Nelson county for other than W. S. Taylor are not counted for him, it may be Goebel; provided, the board is not consistent enough to also not count for Goebel several thousand votes certified for Gobel, Gobbl, Gobble and otherwise.

If, briefly, the board is inconsistent enough to throw out Taylor votes on technical grounds and refuse to throw out Goebel votes on the same technical grounds, it may be Goebel—the only hope Goebel has of being awarded the certificate of election.

If, finally, the people of Kentucky acquiesce in the counting in of the defeated candidate, William Goebel will be Governor.

The Knights of Labor, at their convention in Boston, took a crack at all creation in the way of government, politics, wealth and humanity, concluding with an appeal to workingmen to oppose or support the various declarations with their votes, and now they are to establish a school for the discussion and decision of political questions, that labor may give its influence and strength to the party or candidates favorable to them. The theory reads well. The Knights of Labor, so long as the organization eschewed partisan politics and confined itself to the labor cause, was the strongest and most respected of labor organizations, but several years ago the laws were amended, changing the policy of the order, making it a partisan political body, with its General Master Workman a candidate for Congress, and other officers members of political committees and stump speakers for politicians. Since then the Knights of Labor have decreased in membership till now the organization is dead and its influence nil in cities and towns.

Workingmen, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, oppose the participation in partisan politics by labor organizations or their officials, and prove this by their emphatic resentment of such a course by abandoning and ignoring the leaders and organizations that do it. Intelligent workingmen have long since tired of the wholesale condemnation of government, employers and wealth, and regard it as rot, and experience has demonstrated that such "friends of labor" are usually subserving politicians in hope of reward. The workingmen are on to them, and neither recognize the authority nor heed the advice of the Knights of Labor since it has become a political organization, taking unto itself the mission of deciding what measures and candidates the workingmen should vote for or against. Little attention will be given to the address of the one time great K. of L.

Michael Davitt has spoken, not only to the audience that heard him, but to the Irish people, giving his reasons for withdrawing from Parliament pending the consideration and vote on the Boer war appropriations. Whether or not one approves his course, barring his bitterness to those who disagree with him, his address is a manly and patriotic defense of himself and protest against the bad faith and injustice of the British Government party in regard to Irish affairs, and will doubtless cause much of grave consideration, and tend to give shape to future policies and movements in Ireland. Partisanism aside, the facts stated by Davitt affect the whole issue of all the relations of Ireland to the British Government, no matter what the particular subject of the controversy may be. If the Government makes pledges that it declines or fails to fulfill, all petition, agitation and effort for redress of grievance is useless, and all hopes of the Irish people to obtain justice by peaceful and lawful methods are blasted. Davitt's speech comes at an opportune time, as an exposure of the hypocrisy of the Government and as a warning to the Irish leaders and people which will cause them to pause and reflect. Party differences or questions of leadership are as nothing compared to this new issue, which affects all parties and all leaders for Ireland's cause. All aim to induce the Government to grant concessions or changes; to induce the Government to promise it and then not fulfill the promises, leaves them with only their pains for gains. Davitt's speech seems to bring the Irish question up to the Government very pointedly.

The New Orleans School Board, for some reason not stated, has refused to grant holidays to the pupils on Christmas and New Years, ordered classes to be held as usual and pupils to attend on those days. The pupils, led by the high school girls, declare they will not attend school on those days, even if they are expelled. Public opinion is backing up the rebellious pupils, and the board is urged to revoke its order.

Labor is again vindicated from an oft repeated and long standing charge. During the railroad strike property was destroyed, lives lost, and for several days anarchy reigned. The strikers and labor organizations generally were charged with instigating and committing these acts of violence. Several railroad companies sued the city of Chicago for damages to their

property at that time, and the first case, that of the Pennsylvania, was decided last week in favor of plaintiff, judgment for \$2,700 being given against the city. The evidence in the case fully vindicates all the labor organizations and leaders, whom it was claimed had conspired to defy and violate the law, and that the civil authorities were, therefore, powerless to protect the railroad property, and should not be held liable for damages.

The British censor permits the report of a victory over the Boers once again. It is brief and painfully lacking in details. Gen. Methuen reports he met and routed the Boers in a ten hour's battle at Modder river, the "bloodiest of the century," and the British withdrew to rest after the struggle. That is all in three official despatches. London cheered for the victory, but the meagerness of the despatches, the hours of suspense, and finally the silence of the censor have caused misgivings throughout England as to the fruits of the victory. In the meantime more troops are being called for. It is reported that Ladysmith has surrendered to the Boers, and that the Dutch of Cape Colony are joining the Boers by companies and battalions.

We thought those Irish regiments in the British army in Transvaal were fakes, since they only run or surrender—something their predecessors, whose name they bear, became famous for not doing. The Irish Fusiliers, famed for brave deeds in many battles, but whose recent record in the Transvaal is a surrender without a desperate fight when trapped near Ladysmith, are said by the Mayor of Dublin to have very few Irishmen in their ranks. Probably it was those very few Irishmen who did the little fighting before the Fusiliers ingloriously struck their flag and surrendered. The record of the Irish Fusiliers is in striking contrast to that of the Irish battalion in the Boer army, which began the fighting weeks ago near Newcastle and are still in the thick of it near Ladysmith.

The British Minister at Washington has filed complaint with the Secretary of State against reported armed expeditions about to leave this country to aid the Boers, and asked that this government take steps to prevent such violation of neutrality law, which the Secretary of State promptly promised to do. All of which is proper. Investigation by government detectives has as yet failed to locate the armed expeditions, and it seems that John Bull, having for the first time in fifty years run up against a real fighting people and got the worst of it to date, is scared out of his boots—even to the extent of suspecting the sincerity of his only friend among nations in all the world.

Killarney is not yet sold. The auction sale in Dublin on November 21 had but three bidders, who started the bidding at £35,000 and run it up to £50,000, when it was bid in at £51,000 and withdrawn. It is stated that private bids will now be considered.

The Irish corps in the Boer army under Gen. Joubert, which has participated in most of the fighting from Newcastle to Ladysmith, is commanded by Col. Blake. Its regimental standard is the Irish flag, by Gen. Joubert's permission.

The regiment of Canadian "feathered soldiers" to help lick the Boers has arrived at Capetown, and will doubtless soon get a smell of powder.

CECILIAN DRAMATIC CLUB.

The entertainment given by this club at the Bijou, Wednesday evening, for the Mackin Council building fund, was well attended, which was a deserved compliment to the popular Mackin Council as well as the Cecilian Club. The play, "Called Away," was ably presented to the delight of the audience, many being outspoken in their praise. All the participants did so well that who did best is open to argument, and all are complimented. We congratulate the Mackin Council for their first entertainment, bespeak for them the most hearty welcome hereafter and wish them the fullest success.



T. J. Gill, has been, sojourning at West Baden Springs this last week.

William J. Norton, of this city, spent last week at West Baden Springs.

Miss Mary Robinson, of Elizabethtown, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Norris.

Mrs. Samuel Boyle left this week for Danville, where she spent a few days with relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. William J. Abram will be sorry to learn that she is still confined to her bed.

Mr. E. J. Kelly, formerly of New Albany, now of Arizona, will leave for Honolulu in a month.

Miss Edna Gilbert will entertain a number of friends at euchre on Tuesday evening December 12.

Mrs. Fred Kelley and daughter, who have been visiting friends here, have returned to Brooklyn.

John Connolly, wife and daughter, of Atlanta, were this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reister, Baxter avenue.

The annual Thanksgiving dance of the Young Men's Society at the new Liederkreis Hall was the most successful yet given.

John O'Neill of Dumesnil street, has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where he attended the Colgan-Sullivan wedding.

Mrs. Higgins and daughter, Miss Virginia, have returned to Jeffersonville from a protracted visit with friends in New York.

Mr. Patrick Lynsky, of Nashville, is here on a visit of a few weeks, the guest of Mr. Martin Shylock, of 817 West Oldham street.

Mr. Pat Kane, who burned his foot at his work in the L. & N. shops, is fast getting around in shape again, to the delight of his many friends.

James Sexton and Pat Lannin left last Tuesday on a visit to Kansas City, Mo., where they spent Thanksgiving day as the guests of Mr. John T. Chaw.

Since Ed Toomey has renewed his visits in an up-town neighborhood, his friends are all remarking that "there's no love like the first, after all."

Steve McElliot's friends are asking why it is that his Sunday evening strolls all lead into one direction, and that is to the neighborhood of Fourth and C streets.

Thanksgiving day was heartily enjoyed by the young people of St. Patrick's parish, Bridgeport, Cona., there being seven marriages at that church.

Dan Hartnett has become quite popular with all the girls in Limerick lately. His friends say that is easily explained—Dan is now employed in a candy factory.

Mr. T. J. Holden, of Muncie, Ind., and Miss Annie Shee were married last Tuesday afternoon at the Dominican church. The groom is a brother of Patrolman Holden.

There is great rejoicing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Leamy over the arrival of a bouncing baby girl. We are glad to state that mother and daughter are doing well.

Miss Eleanor Voss, of Montgomery, Ala., and David Fitzpatrick were united in marriage last Monday. They have been spending their honeymoon at the home of the groom's brother in this city.

A great many people in the Aquinas Union audience were disappointed in not hearing David Burke's violin solo. He had been booked to play, but had to cancel it the day before the entertainment.

Miss Mary Heitz, a popular young member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, is expected home again soon from a delightful trip to Boston, much to the delight of her friends and admirers.

The entertainment and hop of the First District Commandery, Knights of St. John, at Music Hall, Monday evening, was heartily enjoyed, and Col. Eilers and his committee are the recipients of many deserved compliments.

John B. O'Loughlin, well known in Limerick, left this past week to accept a position as fireman on the I. C. railroad at Paducah. John's smiling face will be greatly missed, especially in the neighborhood of Eighth and St. Catherine streets.

The marriage of Miss Lena Kraus and William Braitwaite was solemnized at St. Michael's church Thursday afternoon in the presence of many of their friends and acquaintances. Both are well known and popular in social circles.

The many friends of Miss Delia Manning and Mr. John C. Watson will be surprised to read of their marriage, which occurred on last Wednesday. It was quite a surprise, but their many friends wish them a happy journey through life.

The dance given Thursday evening by the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Trinity Council was largely attended, those present spending a most enjoyable evening. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.

The guests were received by Misses Fannie Coniffe, Maggie Daley, Bettie Stark and a corps of pretty assistants. These social events are becoming very popular in East End society circles.

Pat Higgins' friends have been showering him with congratulations upon the arrival at his home, on Oldham street, of a lovely little girl. Mother and daughter are both doing well and Pat's genial countenance is always wreathed in smiles.

On Wednesday Mr. John B. Rogers, one of Lexington's most popular grocers, passed through the city on his return from French Lick Springs, where he had spent a short time. He looked the picture of good health and was, as usual, quite jolly and good-natured.

William MacDonald, who has been so long employed as printer by the Bradley & Gilbert Company, has been appointed station keeper at Central Police Station. "Mac" has a great many friends among the printing fraternity, who, though sorry to lose him from the "clan," will be glad to hear of his good fortune.

There is a rumor going around the southern end of town to the effect that two of the prominent young men will soon dispose of their bachelor garments and take on the garb of matrimony. The young ladies that will make this change are to be congratulated on their lucky captures.

Edward M. Stone, for the past six years the keeper of Boone Park, will leave about December 15 for Los Angeles, Cal., where he formerly resided. During his administration many improvements have been made in that beautiful West End breathing spot, and its many frequenters, with whom he was very popular, will regret to learn of his departure.

We take pleasure in announcing to the many friends and acquaintances of Miss Rose Kavanagh that she has been transferred from Park school to Madison-street school. This is a promotion which was well deserved, as Miss Kavanagh is an earnest worker and takes a great interest in the success of her pupils. She has the best wishes of her large circle of friends.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Trinity Council, No. 230, Young Men's Institute, entertained with a dance Wednesday evening at Trinity Council Hall, 718 East Gray street. The chaperones were Messrs. and Mesdames James B. Kelly and Charles Brown. The following young ladies assisted in receiving: Misses Fannie Coniffe, Maggie Daley, Louise Schwaninger, Bettie Stark, Margaret Hartlauf, Stella Smart and Mayme Burkhardt.

The Shamrock Club entertained on last Tuesday evening at Highland Hall with a delightful euchre and dance. Cards were played from 8 to 11 o'clock. Among those present were Misses Mary Devine, Josie Kirk, Susie Cassie, Birdie Sheehan, Mary Hority, Josie Callahan, Della Joyce, Maggie Madden and Messrs. Martin Tigans, John Sharkey, Wilson Seng, John Logan, Perry Crawford, James Burckett, Henry Waters, Tom Henley, Thompson Higgins and Peter Porter. The party dispersed at a late hour.

The rites of matrimony were solemnized between Mr. James Langan and Miss Kathryn Jensen last Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at St. Louis Bertrand's church, Rev. Father Logan officiating. Mr. Richard Langan, brother of the groom, and Mr. George Jensen, brother of the bride, acted as ushers. The bride is the daughter of Mr. William Jensen of 1311 Seventh street, and is quite a popular young lady. The groom is a well-known fireman in the employ of the L. & N. railroad, and is especially popular with the younger set of Limerick, where he resides. After the ceremony the young couple left for a bridal trip through the East. On their return they will be at home to their many friends at 1313 Seventh street.

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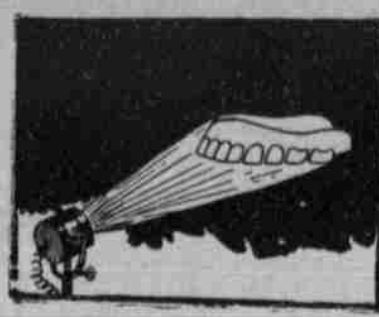
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